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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: USNATO 5540

SUMMARY: IN REFTEL MISSION REQUESTED INSTRUCTION ON KEEPING SYG LUNS INFORMED OF DEVELOPEMENTS ON IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS, AND ON LUNS' INITIATIVE TO HAVE THE COUNCIL CONSIDER FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARTIES ENGAGED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION HEREWITH REPORTS FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THESE PRESSING MATTERS AND RENEWS ITS REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. RE BRIEFING LUNS ON NEGOTIATIONS, ICELANDIC PERMREP TOMASSON INFORMALLY APPROACHED MISSION AND INDICATED HE IS RECEIVING NO ACCOUNTS FROM REYKJAVIK ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S-ICELAND NEGOTIATIONS. TOMASSON ASKED WHETHER MISSION COULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP HIM IN THE PICTURE. MISSION ASKED HIM IN TURN WHAT HIS VIEWS WERE ON KEEPING SYG LUNS INFORMED ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS DOING THIS. CONFIDENTIAL

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE INTEND GIVE TOMASSON THE BROAD PICTURE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO COORDINATE WITH HIM ON KEEPING LUNS INFORMED.

2. REGARDING LUNS' INITIATIVE TO HAVE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS, MISSION HAS LEARNED THROUGH AN IS SOURCE THAT LUNS HAS IN MIND OBTAINING COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF GENERAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE ICELANDIC AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT IN A MANNER AND MEANS OF ARRANGEMENTS SUCH THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ICELANDIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENSE IS KEPT AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL. SOURCE SYAS LUNS' OBJECTIVE IS TWO-FOLD:

A) TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF PRO-NATO FORCES IN ICELAND INCLUDING THE ICELANDIC DELEGATION HERE; AND

B) TO PREPARE THE GROUND SO THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE IN POSITION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION SHOULD DIFFICULTIES ARISE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE PARTIES REQUEST HELP. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS NO LATER THAN OOB NOVEMBER 26.
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